

## HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 800

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A RESOLUTION to congratulate Brittney Luna for winning the International "Yes I Can" Award.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to pay tribute to those aspiring young artists who through their natural talents and unflagging commitment to excellence have distinguished themselves and brought honor to this State; and

WHEREAS, it is all the more inspiring when those celebrated artists shine despite the challenges of having a disability; and

WHEREAS, high school student Brittney Luna of Nashville is one such exceptional young woman who recently earned the Council for Exceptional Children's "Yes I Can" international award for her musical talents; and

WHEREAS, the Council for Exceptional Children recognizes just twenty-seven students worldwide each year with this coveted award which recognizes a student's achievement despite a disability; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Luna attends Tennessee School for the Blind where she is a member of their celebrated chorale ensemble; she is completely blind and must memorize every note she sings; and

WHEREAS, she has benefited greatly from the instruction and guidance of Ms. Georgette Seay, her voice instructor, and Ms. Judy Denning, Tennessee School for the Blind (TSB) choral director, both of whom have been instrumental in helping Brittney develop her talents; and

WHEREAS, those who have seen and heard Brittney perform say she fills the room with her sound and presence; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee School for the Blind's chorale ensemble has performed publicly at a number of prestigious events, including Governor Phil Bredesen's inauguration ceremony,

Tennessee Capitol Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremonies, and as part of the holiday youth program with the Tennessee Philharmonic Symphony Orchestra; and

WHEREAS, Brittney's display of aptitude and ambition surely bodes well for her future success, and her noteworthy achievements are a tremendous source of pride for her family, school, and community; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Luna's artistic brilliance and dedication to musical excellence is clearly deserving of the respect, admiration, and commendation of this legislative body; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we congratulate Brittney Luna on winning the coveted International Yes I Can" award, salute her for applying her tremendous musical talent on behalf of this great State, and extend to her our best wishes for a happy, successful future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.